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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8779**
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RESPONSE TO DECISION

Commissioner for Patents
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

This is responsive to the Decision mailed May 18, 2009, stating that the Declarations submitted on April 7, 2006 and June 30, 2007 are not acceptable because all the inventors were not listed on each Declaration. The Decision requires a new Declaration, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a) and (b), which identifies all the joint inventors and is executed by the inventors as listed in the published International application. Such a Declaration, naming and executed by all four inventors, is submitted herewith.

Substance of Interview

For the record, Applicants' attorney confirms the telephone discussions with Ms. Cynthia Kratz and Mr. Leonard Smith on May 29, 2009, during which they both confirmed the substance of the requirements set forth in the Decision, and the unavailability of any extension of time for responding to the Decision. Applicants' attorney appreciates the courtesy shown him by both

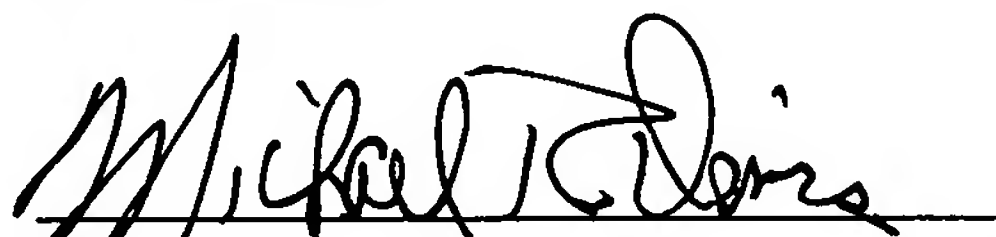
Ms. Kratz and Mr. Smith in attempting to satisfy all PTO requirements concerning the executed Declaration.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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